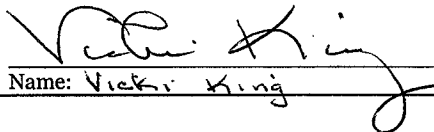


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Hon. Commissioner of Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed the 10th of December, 2007, kindly enter the following amendments, in consideration of the remarks likewise offered for consideration herein, which are believed to place this matter in a condition for allowance, or to preserve the record for appeal. No new issues or matters are presented, and it is respectfully proposed that allowance (in whole or in part) or an Ex Parte Quayle action is appropriate. Such relief is hereby earnestly solicited.

The amendments to the claims begin on page 3, and the remarks on page 6. Passage to allowance on an expedited basis, as suggested by the Petition to Make Special, is appropriate and hereby expressly requested.

Applicants have had a Petition to Make Special granted on the basis of ACTUAL MANUFACTURE, and have waited since February of 2004, for substantive resolution of the instant matter, which materially differs from any proffered and/or cited art, in that nothing surfaced by the Examiner or applicants functions at moderate pressures, or above. Prior to the instant systems, no built-in safety features existed, and for these reasons, and those set forth below, it is believed that passage to Allowance and Issue is appropriate, and such relief is hereby earnestly solicited.

Additionally, applicants point out that Claims 13 and 14 appear to be allowable over the proffered art, subject to the enablement issue raised by the Examiner. Since applicants' device does prevent over pressurization as described, and it is respectfully proposed that the same is enabled, as discussed below, reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested, as the over pressurization issue can be managed with an RCE for the remaining claimed subject matter, it is respectfully submitted.

In sum, applicants are willing to cancel the remainder of the claims if these claims are allowed, and continue prosecution as an RCE, should the Examiner be willing to consider the same, if not a personal interview is expressly requested, and/or a pre-appeal brief conference.

Since applicants have changed their position, in reliance on the USPTO's expedited review of the instant subject matters, and no art developed covers the inventive subject matter, early and favorable consideration of the instant submission is hereby earnestly solicited, and passage of at least some of the current claims to allowance is in order, based upon the record and the disclosure. Please call applicants' undersigned representative at 949.732.6707 in the event these matters can be discussed.